

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 1st October 2012

There have big fields, keen racing and some early season handicap adjustments at the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim held by Yamba Surf Life Saving Club on Main Beach every Sunday and public holiday from 11am.

The season opener went to Noah Hodgson off 90 seconds from Jim Dougherty (130 secs), who caught a nice wave and Zac Robison (120 secs).

There were 21 starters (all club members) and top 10 finishes for our backmarkers Rory Bown (200 secs), Dylan Brown (220 secs) and club captain Joe Dougherty (240 secs).

Last Sunday there were 30 competitors (including plenty of visitors) and a win to Elliott Cooper (120 secs) from Jordan Ellabasi (30 secs) and Laurence Havenaar (120 secs).

There were 20 competitors on Monday with a win to an excited Jordan Ellabasi who used fabulous body surfing skills to overcome his elevated 50 second handicap with Joseph Warne (50 secs) and James Gonda (100 secs)

Event handicapper Belinda Sanders will have some adjustments for the next race this Sunday.

The Yamba SLSC boaties have a fundraiser in conjunction with the Yamba Shores Tavern fishing club at the Tavern on this Sunday October 7 from 12pm to help the Yamba under 23 boat crew compete in the World Titles in Glenelg, SA in November.

Sunday will also see the long awaited start of the nipper season at Main Beach from 9am with around 200 nippers set to converge on the beach.

The 13 nippers who have returned from the Northern Territory after a week of fun, training and competition with Gove SLSC in Arnhem Land will have plenty of stories to tell.

There will also be Yamba nippers at the Lennox Dolphin Enduro ironperson event for under 10's to under 17's on Saturday October 13.

The nippers need more parents to become officials to ensure the ratio of 1 official per 8 children is met for competition numbers and that keen competitors are not missing out due to a lack of officials.

Willing parents should contact Kim McFarlane and book-in for an officials course to run at Evans Head - Casino SLSC on Saturday October 20.

The Yamba SLSC nippers have been asked to march in the Surfing the Coldstream parade in Yamba on Saturday October 20 at 5pm.

The Yamba nippers are sponsored for the 2012/13 season by All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairways Restaurant – Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, LJ Hooker Yamba, Lower Clarence Funerals, Maclean Motors, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats and Melay Independent Floors.

Yamba SLSC education director/chief training officer Kim Morgans has a bronze medallion course from October 2, an ARTC course on November 17, a likely spinal management course before Xmas.

The club will be well represented at the Coolangatta Gold event with Joe Dougherty and Paul Cromack in the individual 30-39 years group.

As well "Yamba Oldies" Abe Dougherty, Regan Allard, Peter Rheinberger and Rob Imeson will be in the long course 42km teams event and "Yamba Boiz" Kealy Day, Jake Pitkin, James Brodin and Noah Hodgson in the under 19 short course event.

There will be a 2nd and final proficiency test on Sunday November 4 and the annual ocean swims on Sunday December 30.

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays from Yamba Fair Butchery are on this Saturday October 6 with Chris Bonner, Greg Levey, Bill Onslow and Ian Goodman selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday October 6 9am-12.30pm: Patrol 11: Maddi O'Mahony (c), Melinda O'Mahony, Caitlin O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Daniel Lollback, Mitchell Lollback, Josh Lollback.
- Saturday October 6 12.30pm-4pm: Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton.
- Sunday October 7 9am-12.30pm: Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Grant Scheffers, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Johanna Pettet.
- Sunday October 7 12.30pm-4pm: Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan Clout, Mitchell Bain, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.